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THE RAINFALL OF HONGKONG.

The following table gives the monthly rainfall at the Observatory to the end of March with the means and extremes for 20 years:—

	1910	1894-1909.	
	Mean.	Max.	Min.
January.....	0.80	1.46	8.43
February.....	0.41	1.75	7.95
March.....	0.58	2.84	11.49

The year's rainfall to the end of the month amounts to 1.88 inches, the 26 years mean for the same period being 6.05 inches. The past five months November-March have produced only 1.94 inches of rain the average for the period being 8.50 inches.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

An Indian cook stole goods to the value of \$644 and disappeared from his employment. Later, however, he was arrested by Sgt. Grant in Ship Street. Charged at the Magistracy to-day, he was remanded.

Chief Justice Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., has kindly accepted to preside.

Another man was arrested by Mr. Hogarth at 3, Tung Street on charges of selling opium dress and keeping a den. The premises were formerly used as a public den until suppressed, and there were 30 Chinese found smoking, two of whom admitted paying two cents each for use of bed, pipe and lamp. A fine of \$50 on each charge, in default two months' hard labour, was imposed by Mr. Hallifax at the Magistracy. When arrested defendant had \$500 wrapped in a dirty girdle about his body.

According to a report forwarded to Washington, the total shipments from the Philippines of cigars, leaf tobacco and sugar for the month of March, to the United States, were as follows: cigars, covered by certificate, 9,300,470; leaf tobacco, 3,894 lbs.; sugar, 14,790.47 metric tons. The total exports of the three products since the enactment of the Payne bill were: cigars, 63,823,967; leaf tobacco, 3,894 lbs.; sugar, 67,893,639 metric tons.

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YOUNG EGYPT.

Mr. Keir Hardie's Responsibility.

Modern Egyptians being generally of a sheep-like disposition, the assassination of their Prime Minister caused both horror and amazement. The Nationalist agitation has been going on for several years, and though violent language has been frequent, the murder of Roustos Pasha Ghali is the first serious crime a Nationalist has committed. For this change from passionate denunciation to assassination Mr. Keir Hardie is in some measure to blame. He has encouraged the Young Egyptians to keep up their agitation for independence, and has conveyed to them the erroneous idea that a great body of British public opinion supports them, and would become operative to save them from any stern repressive measures that the Egyptian Government might determine upon. Mr. Hardie has not preached murder, but he is as guiltless as the person who encourages a child to play with a box of matches. Words that would be commonplaces if addressed to a gathering of English Socialists become in the highest degree dangerous and seditious when spoken to a congress of hard-brained Egyptians.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL MOVEMENT. The Nationalist movement, of which the murder of Pasha Ghali was the first fruit, began about 20 years ago. The Nationalists of 1892 were to the total population of Egypt in numbers as the "hat earth" theorists of Canada are to the Conservative party to-day. Their followers whom they endeavored to excite were simply incapable of understanding the democratic ideals which they preached. They made little or no headway, and were so insignificant in numbers and influence that the authorities did not take the trouble to silence them. Very slowly indeed the propaganda made headway. Even to-day the Nationalists are a mere handful. However, in the past three or four years the Mohammedan forces have shown a remarkable political awakening. In Turkey and in Persia constitutions have been granted. In India the agitation has been at times threatening. The ferment has spread to Egypt, and in the past few years Nationalism has grown to have perhaps as many adherents as the single tax has in Canada.

THE SADDITION PRESS. Keir Hardie, and another labour leader named Barnes, did much to stiffen the backbone of the Nationalists, and a couple of years ago there was an eruption of Nationalist journalism. *El Leva* (the Standard) was established in Cairo, and from the first its attacks upon the Government were vicious. Its bitterness grew with each issue, and as soon as the editors' store of real grievances against the present system of government was exhausted, they invented new ones, until *El Leva* became as untruthful as it was vindictive. Lord Cromer had remained unshaken through the storm of abuse, but his successor, Sir Eldon Gorst, was not so philosophical. He came to the conclusion that the sedition had to be stopped, and having so resolved he proceeded to revive the old press law of 1881.

THE MUZZLE ON THE PRESS. This edict is a real muzzle on the press, and quite as drastic as any Russian law. While this regulation is in force there can be no legal publication of newspapers that the Government does not approve of. In the first place, a newspaper publisher has to deposit \$500 with his application for a license, which amount is forfeited if he disobeys any of the provisions of the law. He must present five copies of each issue to the Minister of the Interior, whose approval must be obtained before he can sell, and even political placards and posters are prohibited unless they have been first approved. It was about a year ago that Sir Eldon Gorst dropped the lid on, and *El Leva* ceased publication. Demonstrations in Cairo followed, and had the police not proved efficient, much blood would surely have flowed.

THE GENEVA CONVENTION. Their newspapers rendered powerless, the enraged Nationalists were obliged to worry the Government by other methods. So they held a congress in Geneva, where there was no law to prevent the utmost violence of speech. They were encouraged thereto by the presence of Messrs. Hardie, Barnes, Kettle and Henderson, all English Radicals of more or less prominence. These gentlemen spoke unreservedly, and assured the Egyptians of the support of the British Labour party in and out of Parliament. They expressed the hope that Egypt would soon be free of the British yoke. There were no shadings on their country too gross for them to applaud, no rhetoric too frenzied to meet with their hearty approbation. Though the official *Colonial Gazette*, in commenting on the proceedings, warned the Nationalists that the approval of the English Socialists and the Irish Nationalists would have little or no effect on Britain's policy in Egypt, the patriots chose to believe otherwise. Indeed, had it not been for the action of the Hardie clique it seems probable that the agitation would have died out with the enforcement of the press law.

TO MEET IN LONDON. The Young Egyptians have met the move of Sir Eldon Gorst by transferring their official newspaper to Geneva, where it continues to be published, more virulent in tone, more unscrupulous in misrepresentation than ever. Not so many copies are smuggled in to continue the unrest. They are also scattered over Europe, where this year the Nationalists plan to hold a convention in London, where they will probably be permitted to speak as freely as they did in Geneva.—*Tyrolite Empire*.

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A peeress by marriage uses her husband's signature, preceded by her own Christian name, says *The Gentlewoman*. It is a peeress in her own right is unmarried or married to a commoner, she does not use the Christian name, but signs herself simply "Dorchester," or whatever the name may be. If, however, she is married to a peer, the fact is recognized in her signature. Lady Yarrowburgh, whose Baroness Conyers in her own right, signs herself "Marcia, Yarrowburgh-Conyers." The Duchess of Norfolk, who is Baroness Herries in her own right, compounds in a similar manner—*G. Norfolk-Herries*.

It is incontestable that in very early times peeresses in their own right were summoned to the national deliberations either in person or by proxy. Not only were temporal peeresses summoned but even spiritual peeresses in the persons of the abbesses of the principal religious houses, such as the Abbess of Barking in Essex. It is rather strange, in these days of suffragists and suffragettes, that no peeress in her own right has arisen to claim a seat in the House of Lords, or at least the privilege of sending her son or husband or other fit and proper person to represent her there.

To-day there are sixteen peeresses in their own right, and the one whose peerage is of the greatest antiquity is Lady de Ros. Her barony, the premier barony of England, was created by the renowned Simon de Montfort, when, after the battle of Lewes he summoned Robert de Ros by writ, in the King's name, to a Parliament. It must be understood that a baron was formerly created by the issue of a writ by the sovereign summoning certain men to attend Parliament. These baronies by writ are heritable by "heirs general," and hence a female can succeed in the absence of males (brothers). Peers are now made by letters patent, the succession being usually limited to "heirs male."

Lady de Ros was the only child of the late Lord de Ros, who was a septuagenarian, did homage for the barony at the coronation and died rather more than two years ago. Her husband is a brother of Lord Dartrey, and she has three daughters—the Hon. Mrs. Ross, the Hon. Maude Dawson and the Hon. Mrs. Wade Palmer. Having no brother, these ladies are co-heiresses in their mother's barony, for it is a peculiarity of English baronies by writ that primogeniture among females is ignored. All daughters are equal co-heiresses, and not one of them can obtain the title until she becomes the sole heiress.

But this is not all. Mrs. Ross has two sons, and Mrs. Wade Palmer has two daughters, and the barony may remain in abeyance until the descendants of the original co-heiresses have dwindled down to one person because of this peerages have sometimes remained in abeyance for centuries. However, the King has a prerogative. He can at any time choose to confer the dignity on any one of the co-heiresses without waiting for the process of exhaustion to run its full course.

REMARKABLE MISTAKE. Two peeresses are minors—namely, Lady Beaumont and Lady Clifton of Leighton Bromswold. The first Baron Beaumont was the grandson of John de Beaumont, who held the glorious dignity of King of

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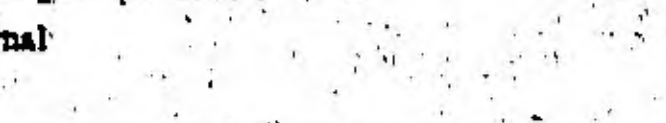
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the same toleration as the village idiot or harmless lunatic; when he became too great a nuisance he was put still more in evidence by public chastisement in pillory or stocks. In other words, every drunkard was then known and seen. To-day the habitual drunkard, in a well-to-do private family is relegated to the skeleton cupboard; and prevented

so far as is possible, from publicly exhibiting his falling. The man who appears drunk in a publichouse, drunk and disorderly in the street, or who commits a criminal offence through drunkenness is hurried to the police cell; ultimately to prison. As a consequence of all this the ordinary individual sees little or nothing of the habitual drunkards of to-day, and is apt to believe that but few exist."

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Some little interest may be derived from the following table, which presents particulars concerning the children of inebriate women admitted to the reformatories during the years 1905-8 :—

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Condition of	Children	and ad-
as to	Women	and ad-
Marriage, admitted	Women. Alive.	Dead. Total.
Single	445	314 100 145 248
Married or		
Widowed: 846	168	2,087 1,764 2,841
Total	1,291	479 2,187 1,899 4,086

"The high mortality of children born of drunken women," adds the inspector, "should appeal to those who are interested in questions relative to the waste of child life. If 819 women were responsible for

1899 child deaths, what must be the awful total for the thousands of habitually drunken women of the same class? Of all children born to these women 46.5 per cent. died, and of those born to unmarried inebriate women the mortality reaches more than 59 per cent.

Regarding the reformatories themselves, the inspector concludes:—"All that relates to the practical aspect of the work, the detention and treatment of inmates, is

being done thoroughly and well. Reformatories, on the whole, have run smoothly, and many improvements in details of management have been introduced during the year. The cost of maintenance has been reduced to a minimum in the majority of institutions, and considerable advance has been made in the provision of facilities for the remunerative employment of inmates."

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Chéron	French armoured cruiser	1830	10	1700	Lieut. Bertrand	Saigon
Cicéte	French cruiser	3420	22	2100	Capt. Delzons	Saigon
Cyrcs	French gunboat	506	7	400	Commander Badin	Saigon
Cyrcs	French river gunboat	180	6	570	Lieut. d'Estienne	Canton
Cyrcs	French gunboat	150	—	—	—	Saigon (Reserve)
Cyrcs	French gunboat	600	8	500	Commandr. J. Gervais	Saigon
Cyrcs	French gunboat	645	10	1 10	Lieut. de Linars	Saigon
Cyrcs	French armoured cruiser	10,714	38	20,000	—	Saigon
Cyrcs	French gunboat	141	—	—	—	Saigon (Reserve)
Cyrcs	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Combet	Saigon
Cyrcs	French destroyers	355	7	305	—	Saigon
Cyrcs	French gunboat	500	6	305	—	Saigon
Cyrcs	French gunboat	500	—	—	—	Saigon (Reserve)
Cyrcs	French gunboat	200	—	—	—	Saigon
Cyrcs	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Marrs	Saigon
Cyrcs	French surveying-ship	1625	10	9000	Commandr. Ragot de la Touche	Saigon
Cyrcs	French cruiser	9700	12	19,800	—	Singapore
Cyrcs	French destroyers	307	8	300	Lieut. de la Roche Karandran	Saigon
Cyrcs	French gunboat	130	—	—	Lieut. de Maistreville	Upper Yangtze
Cyrcs	French gunboat	350	7	300	Lieut. Fusch	Tongks
Cyrcs	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Commandr. Mortenol	Hongkong
Cyrcs	French battleship (reserve)	9435	8	6071	Lieut. Morris	Saigon
Cyrcs	French gunboat	1795	10	1700	Capt. Drouot	Saigon
Cyrcs	French destroyers	250	6	—	Lieut. Seriot	Saigon
Cyrcs	French torpedo-depot	—	—	—	—	Yangtze
Cyrcs	French torpedo-depot	123	7	500	Lieut. Elbel	Saigon (Reserve)
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Cyrcs	German gunboat	90	10	1544	Commandr. Hornhardt	Hongkong
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Cyrcs	U. S. gunboat	244	8	—	Ensign Kenneth Whiting	Cavite
Cyrcs	U. S. submarine	—	—	—	Ensign N. H. Goss	Cavite
Cyrcs	U. S. cruiser	3204	12	—	Ensign W. C. I. Stiles	Yangtze
Cyrcs	U. S. gunboat	200	9	250	Ensign Henry M. Jossen	Cavite
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Miscellaneous.

9 p.m.—Special Meeting for Men at Y.M.C.A.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, April 12—

4.30 p.m.—Jubilee Concert Jubilee En-

tertainment, 4.30 p.m.—

9 p.m.—Performance of "Mice and Men"

by H.E.A.D.C.

WEDNESDAY, April 13—

Noon—Meeting of Union Insurance So-

ciety of Canton, Ltd., at Head Office.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of China Traders'

Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.

4.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, at the Residence of Bishop's

Lodge (South) No. 5, The Peak.

9 p.m.—"Mice and Men" by H.E.A.D.C.

THURSDAY, April 14—

Noon—Auction of Household Properties

at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.

FRIDAY, April 15—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture at "Detick" Robinson Road.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture at 10, Humphreys Avenue, Kow-

loon.

SATURDAY, April 16—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

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9 p.m.—Performance "Mice and Men"

by H.E.A.D.C.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1910

OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

IT WAS ALFRED THE GREAT, of pious and immortal memory, who desired that all free-born men within his Kingdom who could afford the means should be kept at their book until they had mastered the reading and writing of the English tongue, and by founding and promoting schools, by inviting scholars to England, and above all by his own splendid example he inaugurated the revival of mental culture among the West Saxons. That is over a thousand years ago and to-day the means of elementary education are provided free to every inhabitant of the British Isles who cares to avail himself or herself of the facilities offered by the Government schools. We have in addition an elaborate system of secondary education, and to complete the ladder magnificent Public Schools, for long the glory of England, the principal forcing beds for the older Universities. But this notwithstanding all is far from being well in the educational world. It seems that as a nation we have provided ourselves at vast expense and after infinite wrangling with a set of apparatus that is failing to produce the effect desired. In other words, our educational system is working upon lines that produce nothing but waste and disappointment in the great majority of cases. The subject has been discussed recently, by the Headmasters' Conference and by the Colonial Institute, and from those academic circles has spread to the columns of *The Times* and other influential exponents of public opinion. Mr. A. C. Benson, the well known writer and College Professor, who, during the time he was a Master at Eton, had something like two thousand boys of all ages and attainments passing through his hands, in contributing his quota to the discussion, freely confesses that our present system of education is "gauling in the extreme." Mr. Benson is

not content, however, with giving his own opinion, he quotes an official high in the Civil Service whose testimony must carry much weight. This gentleman, it seems, had a number of appointments to make. "I wanted," he said, "to secure public school and University man if I could, because the type is such a good one in every way, and I interviewed a large number of candidates; the men of the kind I wanted were in general ways the best; but they simply were useless for my purposes. They could not, many of them, write a respectable hand; they could not express themselves in English, they could not calculate accurately, they knew no French and German, and they did not even know their classics. That is indeed a very formidable indictment and the pity is that its foundations cannot be whittled away by argument no matter how specious or plausible. We have undoubtedly all the machinery necessary for our purpose, but, as this evidence shows, it is working along wrong lines and therefore producing deplorable results. The principal factor in English higher education to-day instead of turning out a man thoroughly equipped for the battle of life, brings him to the threshold of early manhood, as it were, without a prospect of being fit for any situation at all. Our secondary education is not fulfilling the object originally desired of it, while in the lower ranks of life we are turning out by the thousands lads and lasses unfitted to follow the callings of their fathers and mothers.

It is not a comforting reflection that the mistakes perpetrated at Home are being duplicated in many of our Colonies abroad. Here in Hongkong it is greatly open to question, we think, whether we are really providing in our different schools the most sensible form of education possible; we seriously doubt whether we are really equipping the rising generation in such a way, mentally and morally, that they will not in the years to come regret the hours spent at ill-advised tasks and the time wasted in acquiring knowledge of subjects which can be of no earthly use whatever in their future careers. Educationists have got into a rut, working smoothly and offering the easiest and most comfortable path from their point of view, satisfies them to an eminent degree. The real interests of the persons to be educated is but a minor consideration in comparison with the maintenance of the old traditions; and so the unhappy condition of affairs continues and England and her Colonies remain without such an educational system as the times demand. We shall wake up some time or other from our day-dream of misguided muddling—but then it may be too late, for the race will have passed us by.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The appointment of Mr A. E. Wood as an Official J. P. for the Colony is gazetted.

The Rev. C. Bone returns to the Colony on May 12 and will resume charge of the Wesleyan Church.

Mr Robert A. Lowry, chief shorthand writer to the Ministry of Justice, Bangkok, and formerly of Hongkong, is expected to arrive on Sunday.

Among recent departures from Hongkong is that of Mr J. R. Fitzgibbon, who is retiring from the Imperial Maritime Customs after twenty years' service.

His Excellency the Governor has accepted the resignation of Subadar Major Ahmed Din, H.E.S.B., R.G.A., of his appointment as Hon. A. D. C. to the Governor.

THE SANITARY BOARD.

Questions to be Asked.

Colonel Bedford pursuant to notice will ask at the meeting of the Sanitary Board on Tuesday—

"Whether any steps have yet been taken to resume the paddi fields on the road leading up to Devil Peak Barracks, as recommended by the committee appointed by the Board on 9th of November last?"

"Can it be stated when the new slaughter house for Shaohwan will be provided?"

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

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The Nippon Club will shortly be moving into more commodious premises in Wyndham Street.

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A splendid show of arm lilies was to be seen in Flower Street this morning, along with a plentiful supply of violets and strawberries.

Rain is falling in the interior of Southern China, but the coastal regions are all complaining of the continuance of the long drought.

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ANTI-CORROSION AND ANTI-FOULING COMPOSITIONS.

Interesting Paper at the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders.

Before a large attendance at the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders on Friday evening, Mr H. G. White read an interesting paper on anti-corrosive and anti-fouling compositions. Mr J. F. Miller, vice president, presided.

The lecturer referred to experiments made by the late Mr William Froude some forty years ago which demonstrated that the resistance experienced by a ship moving through the water was composed of two parts, one arising from the rubbing of the minute particles of which water is composed against the side and bottom. Mr White then dealt with old-time defective practices of preserving wooden hulls and the various devices and apparatuses used as well as those of the present day in protecting a ship from deterioration and the materials best adapted to overcome adverse influences found in the water. He said that experiments were in course of trial upon several local ships from which wonderful results were anticipated. Owing to the difference between local conditions in the East and those out here, including the manufacturers of the half dozen or so compositions which take the lead in this line, he was not so hampered as those at Home with the "two parts as one," or the "this at half the price is efficient, if not better than that," type. Cheapness in paint, as in other things, were a very important desideratum, but as one well-known manufacturer said, "You cannot get the best without breaking eggs," and the eggs in the composition bucket cost money. The cheapest offer may get the order without any regard to the fact that considerable differences may exist in the quality of the materials and that quality is so derived as to be in with the price obtained, and not the price with the purity and suitability of the ingredients. Apparently no thought was bestowed on the consideration that the contractor offering the lowest tender must pay a certain limit of price for the materials, which, if pure, are only obtainable at a certain well-defined rate; his expenses are far from small, and having to cover these, he is faced with a loss which must be made up somehow, usually with adulterants, and compositions being composed of organic and volatile oils and substances, difficult if not impossible of analysis, renders this course of action quite feasible, discovery that the cheapest is not always the best only being made after a long time, and being expensive. Nevertheless, the lowest tender often secured the order, and only subsequent experience proved that initial cheapness was usually synonymous with heavy outlay later on.

The proof of the composition is in the saving effected in the East by the use of the certain extent, but it was very annoying to the shipowner to see a ship come into dock, in a dirty condition, after running up her coal bill for the last month or so she has been out, knowing that she has not paid a good price for a reliable article. Doubtless the manufacturer who knows that the paint is all right so far as his knowledge and care can make it, but nothing is absolutely perfect in this world yet, and this sort of thing goes to the detriment of the general customer of cheap paint. In the last four years, 1,707 ships had been docked in Hongkong, of a gross tonnage of 3,982,000, an average of 427 ships and very nearly one million tons gross per year. The enormous number of ships and the enormous tonnage of ships, and the enormous cost of composition had been used, a few extensively, the remainder spasmodically, to coat the tonnage. So it is apparent that the fight against both barnacles and competition proceeds apace, and its end is not yet accomplished.

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GERMAN NAVAL ENTERPRISE.

THE INVINCIBLE CLASS EXCELLED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, April 9.

A Hamburg message states that a turbine cruiser of a new type, more powerful than the Invincible class of boats, has been launched. The cruiser has been christened the "Moltke".

RAJAH BROOKE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, April 9.

The Rajah of Sarawak has left for Sarawak.

SUEZ CANAL CONCESSION.

PROPOSALS REJECTED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, April 8.

Reuter's correspondent at Cairo telegraphs that the Egyptian General Assembly has rejected the Government's proposals for the renewal of the Suez Canal concession.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

SATISFACTORY INCREASES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, April 8.

The imports for the month of March show an increase of £6,108,925, of which £4,000,000 represent raw materials. The exports have increased by £2,486,885, made up chiefly by electrical apparatus, and cotton, wool, silk and steel manufactures.

ITALY'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, April 8.

Signor Tittoni, the former Minister for Foreign Affairs in Italy, has been appointed Italian Ambassador to France.

THE LORDS' VETO.

DISABLING RESOLUTION CARRIED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, April 8.

The first veto resolution disabling the House of Lords from rejecting or amending money bills has been carried by 339 votes to 237.

THE PRINCE REGENT.

BODY GUARD TO BE STRENGTHENED.

(Wah Tsai Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, April 8.

In consequence of events which have lately transpired at the palace, the Prince Regent has decided to considerably strengthen the body-guard.

PROPOSED NEW BONDS.

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The Board of Industries has proposed the issue of certain loan bonds resembling premium bonds, under an improved method.

JAPAN'S FINANCIAL RECOVERY.

PREMIER'S SANGUINE SPEECH.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, April 9.

Marquis Katara, the Premier, addressing a conference called by the Diet Exchanges, said that Japan's financial condition was becoming firmer. The recent adjustment of the tax system had a beneficial influence upon the economic condition of the country. The Government intended converting all loans bearing high rates of interest both internal and foreign, to lower rates.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION AT KOBE.

LOSS ESTIMATED AT £400,000.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, March 9.

Yesterday morning a lighter laden with 41,000 cases of dynamite exploded just outside Kobe harbour. Several houses were destroyed owing to the strong vibration thus generated. The loss is estimated at 400,000 yen.

WESLEYAN CHURCH QUARTERLY MEETING.

At the quarterly meeting of the Wesleyan Church, in the absence of Mr. R. S. Flacey, Mr. J. C. Joughin read the report of the church stewards which showed that the collections for the quarter were \$128 more than the corresponding quarter of last year. Ten Sunday collections were for church expenses and amounted to \$425. Mr. O. H. Bone was elected steward in place of Mr. Joughin.

EMPIRE CINEMATOGRAH THEATRE.

Miss Addie Leigh made a great hit at the Empire Cinematograph Theatre on Friday evening on the occasion of her debut. Her descriptive songs were very finely rendered while Miss Winnie Ryan, a soprano, dancer, was also good. On Monday evening Mr. J. Terran, a celebrated tenor, is to make his debut while all those who attend the matinee to-day will receive a free ticket for to-morrow's matinee at which sweets will be distributed to all the children present. All the artists will also appear.

MARCH WEATHER.

Meteorological observations made at the Hongkong Observatory reveal the fact that the mean temperature during the month of March was 63.3, the total hours of sunshine 91.1, and the total rainfall 0.589-inch. These figures compare with 62.7, 82.4 and 2.80 respectively for the mean of 25 years from 1884 to 1908. It will thus be seen that the month has been an abnormally dry one.

The highest temperature recorded during the month was 80.3 on the 18th and the lowest 50.9 on the 3rd. There were 11 days when no sunshine was felt, while in contrast to this there were 10.1 hours' sunshine on the 18th and five days when over 8 hours were recorded. There were 11 days when rain slightly fell, the heaviest fall being on the 9th, when the record was 0.250, or nearly half the month's total.

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JOHN D. Rockefeller would go broke if he should spend his entire income trying to prepare a better medicine than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for dysentery, dysentery or bowel complaints. It is simply impossible, and so says every one that has used it. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

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